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CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SOLAR ENERGY
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total Central grant released for the development of solar energy in Kerala during each of the last three years;

(b) the amount utilised by the State Government during the above period; and

(c) the details of the grant to be allotted to Kerala for the development of solar energy during the Ninth Plan ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a)&(b): The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is promoting the use of solar photovoltaic and solar thermal devices and systems under its programmes in all the states of the country. The programmes are implemented through the State Nodal Agencies, reputed non-governmental organisations, Public Sector Undertakings and selected Banks. The Ministry also supports the establishment of the `Aditya` solar shops for the sale and servicing of renewable energy products.

The total Central grant released for the development of solar energy in Kerala during each of the last three years is as follows :

1997-98	Rs. 14.69 lakhs
1998-99	Rs.124.80 lakhs
1999-2000	Rs.212.35 lakhs
Total	Rs.351.84 lakhs

This grant has been fully utilised.

(c): No State-wise allocations have been made for the Ninth Plan as a whole. Grants are released on the basis of annual plans and programmes. So far Rs.943.17 lakhs have been sanctioned to Kerala during the first four years (1997-98 to 2000-01) of the Ninth Plan based on the proposals received from the State and the progress of implementation.